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	Examiner Marguerite J. McMahon	Art Unit 3747	

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 2, 4, 5, 7 and 9 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 3, 6 and 8 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1, 2, 5, and 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Lang (1,759,161). Note a bowl (a) and through holes (d and e) passing through from the bowl to a lateral side of the piston in an upwardly slanted direction.

Claim 1 is alternatively rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(B) as being clearly anticipated by Ueda et al (5,819,700). Note through holes 10, which pass through from a bowl in the upper side of a piston to a lateral side of the piston.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claim 4 and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lang (1,759,161). Lang shows everything except the through holes being shaped as a curved passage. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art to provide curved through holes in lieu of straight through holes, as the two are alternative equivalents, as evidenced by claims 2 which cites a linear through hole, and as

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mentioned on pages 3 and 4 of the specification as follows: "The through hole 5 may be a linear passage... The passage may also be formed in a curved shape as long as it is upwardly configured..."

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 3, 6, and 8 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed 1/18/05 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Applicant argues that the Ueda et al (5,819,700) reference does not show through holes. The examiner has searched through the specification to find a definition of "through hole" which would require that it not be located at the upper edge of the piston, but could not find such a requirement. Therefore, in interpreting the claims in the broadest possible manner, the reference still reads on claim 1. Applicant mentions that the Ueda et al reference is not utilized for the same purpose as that of the Applicant. However, since the claims make no mention of the purpose of the invention, this argument carries no weight.

In light of Applicant's arguments about the way in which "through hole" was apparently intended to be understood, the examiner has applied a new reference, which encompasses this new understanding of the term "through hole". Given the circumstances in which this reference was newly applied, it would not be unreasonable

to make this Office Action final, but the examiner has decided, in favor of Applicant, to make this action nonfinal, since the claims have not actually been amended.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Marguerite J. McMahon whose telephone number is 703-308-1956. The examiner can normally be reached on flex.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Yuen Henry can be reached on 703-308-1946. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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